

CHAPTER NO. 608

HOUSE BILL NO. 1267

By Representative Windle

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 281

By Senators Davis, Burks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 11, relative to forestry practices at state parks.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The commissioner of environment and conservation shall prohibit the forestry practice of clear-cutting in all state parks. The department of environment and conservation shall not conduct clear-cutting operations in such parks, nor permit any other person or lessee to conduct clear-cutting operations in such parks.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1, clear-cutting may be permitted in state parks in cases of natural disaster or insect infestation provided that the department of environment and conservation has determined prior to any such clear-cutting that it is a reasonable and appropriate response to such disaster or infestation and that it is consistent with the department's duty to preserve and maintain the parks. Such clear-cutting may occur only in a manner approved in advance by the department.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 3, 2002



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



JOHN S. WILDER
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APPROVED this 17th day of April 2002



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